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**In the Specification**

Please replace paragraph 0080 at pages 19 and 20 with the following paragraph:

[0080] Referring to Figure 10, an alternative embodiment of the invention comprises an asymmetrical balloon 4. The balloon, when inflated, has a groove 32 (as illustrated on Figure 2C) disposed longitudinally on its outer surface. The inflated balloon does not completely fill the region of the lumen of the esophagus defined by the groove 32, does not restrict movement of the wall of the esophagus 9 (allowing swallowing), and does not restrict movement of fluids within the lumen of the esophagus 10.